



To: All OCS Alumni Members [Via Class Orderlies]

## PROPOSED OCS STATUE – PROGRESS REPORT No 7

### References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Proposed OCS Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 6 dated 31 Jul 2019.

### Committee Members:

Since Reference A was distributed the Organising Committee now consists of: **Organising**

- Ossie Kleinig ~ OCS Class of Dec '57 and Co-ordinator of OCS Project 2013 [still on-going].
- Paul Asbury ~ OCS Class of Dec '67. Co-founder with Bob de Haas [dec'd] of OCS Alumni and Administrator of the Alumni.
- Terry Dinneen ~ OCS Class of Jun '63.
- Kevin Lunny ~ OCS Class of Dec '64.
- John Wilson ~ OCS Class of Dec '66. President of the Rye RSL and Local Parks Victoria Liaison Team Member.
- Robin McBride ~ OCS Class of Jun '68. With John a Local Parks Victoria Liaison Team Member.

### Specialist Volunteers:

- Hilton Lenard ~ OCS Class of Jun '68. Grants' Researcher.
- Kevin Dreyer ~ OCS Class of Jun '67. NZ Grant's Adviser.
- Rob Murray ~ OCS Class of Dec '72 replaces Ray Trevisan as the new Web Designer and Webmaster. Ray has offered to continue helping when work commitments allow.

### Report Updates:

#### Statue Approval Application

The following advice has now been received from the Parks Victoria representative [Andrew Kelly]. Andrew replaces Julia Street who has now taken up the position of District Manager, Parks Victoria. This encompasses all of South East Melbourne as well as Point Nepean. Julia has been very supportive of our Statue Project and, in her upgraded appointment, this bodes well for the statue approval proposal.

Below is an extract from the recent communication from Andrew Kelly:

#### Email dated 26 Sep 2019:

*"Good afternoon,*

*I am writing on behalf of the Point Nepean team to introduce myself and provide you with an update on recent staffing changes in relation to the Point Nepean Master Plan Implementation Team, as well as the progress of the **storytelling and interpretation project**.*

**Staff Update:** *Julia Street, Business Development and Activation Manager for Point Nepean, has begun a new role within Parks Victoria as District Manager, South East Melbourne. Point Nepean National Park is part of the South East Melbourne District park network and Julia will continue to be*

involved with the Point Nepean Master Plan implementation program. I have since been appointed to a three-month secondment to backfill Julia's position through to December pending a formal recruitment process. I come with a focus on project / capital works delivery and a strong familiarity of the park having been the lead project manager for the recent Defence Road upgrade.

I would also like to inform you of the appointment of two new staff members in the shared role of Project Coordinator, Point Nepean Master Plan Team. Jaye Cook and Kim Cott will work closely with me on the implementation of the early funded initiatives announced by the Minister with the release of the [Point Nepean Master Plan](#). Jaye will be working specifically on the storytelling and interpretation, and Kim will be working on the amenity upgrade and new camping experience projects."

**Comment:** Our Local Parks Vic Liaison Team in John Wilson and Robin McBride will remain the Point-of-Contact for the Statue Project.

Andrew further sent the Team the following:

### Storytelling & Interpretation Project

"I am pleased to advise that the [Point Nepean National Park Storytelling and Interpretation Strategy](#) is now complete and available as a public document [here](#). This strategy is a long-term vision for integrated park-wide storytelling and interpretation that leverages off Point Nepean's complex history, stories and natural assets to provide a world-class experience.

The strategy defines how the stories will be told across the site and includes six key elements:

1. Narrative trails revealing the stories of the **Bunurong** and the Natural World
2. An immersive experience within the Quarantine Station Disinfecting Complex
3. **New Visitor Centre**
4. New **Bunurong** Centre
5. Refurbished experience at Fort Nepean
6. Digital tools to enable visitors to plan and engage deeper with the stories

Our immediate focus will be to deliver the agreed priorities within the current funding available and required processes. This includes delivering narrative trails that tell the stories of the natural world and traditional owner stories of the **Bunurong**, and an immersive experience within the Quarantine Station Disinfecting Complex. Uplifts to selected heritage listed buildings within the Disinfecting Complex will also be undertaken to ensure their conservation and allow them to house the interpretative information that will tell the quarantine stories.

Additional funding will be required to deliver **the new Visitor Centre** experience, refurbish the experience at Fort Nepean, develop more in depth digital tools such as the microsite and other signature experiences. We will also continue to work closely with appropriate third parties on their proposals to enhance specific interpretive experiences such as the **Bunurong** Centre, **the Officer Cadet School memorial**, Fort Nepean gun emplacements 5 & 6 restoration, and the Harold Holt Memorial upgrade.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation and valuable input into the stakeholder workshops hosted by Parks Victoria and Buro North in March earlier this year. This co-design process has delivered a more robust strategy **with well-defined story themes and established a collaborative approach that I aim to continue to strengthen with you during the implementation phase of this project**".

#### Notes:

1. By clicking on to the [Storytelling and Interpretation Strategy](#) reference listed above and following the prompts, the full copy of the Buro North Submission is available for Alumni Members' information. Please note that the spelling of the Traditional Owners differs from that listed in our re-constructed Website. Our Website spelling is taken from the Traditional Owners' Website but for sake of accuracy it will need to be verified. **Action: John Wilson/Robin McBride to take it up on our behalf.**
2. The Visitor's Centre listed above also indicates a segment devoted to Military matters. It is therefore relevant that a brief outline of the OCS History is displayed in this centre. **Action: John Wilson/Robin McBride to follow up.**
3. **The Officer Cadet School Memorial proposal** is mentioned in the report [but NOT approved at this time]. In a 'phone report from our Local Liaison Team on 2 Oct 2019, contact has now been made with Andrew Kelly [Parks Vic rep]. We are hopeful of early consideration by the various levels of the responsible Authority. The Local Liaison Team will continue to follow up the proposal.

#### Website Re-development Project

Rob Murray has progressed this project to its current status. Its Domain Site is:



<https://www.ocsportsea.org/>.

Rob has requested help in putting names to class photos that have so far been inserted. He is continuing to update more class photos so future corrections would also be welcomed. See steps below:

- By clicking onto the above Domain Name and following the prompt it will bring up the Home Page. Click onto Class Photographs in Recent Posts for Rob's specific request.
- Then click onto the Class List Link on the Home Page.
- Select your class. **[All class photos are now entered, and all checks can now be done].**

#### Webmaster's Message to Alumni Members

We are slowly putting together more detail to return the site to something that Bob de Haas would be proud of. There are challenges that we uncover from time to time. Our current one is simple yet challenging:

- Class photos are now added.
- We have all the class photographs plus names that accompany each photo indicating those present, and in some instances those absent!!! On checking though, some of our eagle-eyed helpers have identified some small errors in the lists.
- If you can help provide an accurate listing of names as seated/standing, preferably from your class list, please contact us so we can discuss the list with you. Leave a Comment or use the Contact Us form on the website.

Thanks to all who have progressed the above projects to current stages. Further Progress Reports will be promulgated as various timelines are reached.

*Ossie Kleinig*

For and on behalf of the Organising Committee

2 Oct 2019